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IRREGULARITIES IN DD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been irregularities in short listing of films to be screened on Doordarshan;

(b) whether films already screened on Doordarshan were accepted as fresh films;

(c) if so, whether any inquiry in this regard has been conducted;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) the number of persons found involved in such irregularities;

(f) the loss of revenue of the Government due to such irregularities; and

(g) the action taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such instances in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) to (e) : In a preliminary enquiry conducted by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting into the functioning of the Films Wing in Mumbai, irregularities in the selection and gradation of films were prima-facie observed which were found to be deviating from the normal practice. Prasar Bharati have informed that based on the findings, three officials have been transferred. A CBI enquiry has been ordered and further investigation is in progress.

(f) Prasar Bharati have informed that there is no quantification of any losses.

(g) Prasar Bharati have informed that a new film selection committee has been set up. New tighter guidelines will reduce the possibility of future lapses.